



### ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Pastor:** Rev. Msgr. Dennis R. Schaefer  
**Address:** 802 Middle Street  
Prairie du Rocher, IL 62277  
**Phone:** 618-284-3314  
**Email:** [sjospdr@htc.net](mailto:sjospdr@htc.net)  
**Website:** [www.stjoespdr.org](http://www.stjoespdr.org)  
**Diocese website:** [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org)

### LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

**Secretary:** Jill Whelan  
**Parish Council President:** James Popejoy  
**Finance Council President:** Roger Henry  
**St. Joseph Cemetery:** Jack Laurent  
**St. Leo Cemetery:** Steve Gonzalez  
**Pastor:** Rev. Msgr. Dennis Schaefer  
**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Jurek

### WEEKEND MASSES AT ST. JOSEPH:

**Saturdays:** 6:00 pm (odd months)  
**Sundays:** 8:00 am (even months)  
**Ruma Convent:** Sunday at 11am  
*Daily Mass varies at both locations*  
**Confessions at St. Joseph:**  
**Saturday 5 - 5:40 pm & Sundays 7:15 - 7:45 am**

### Third Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2019

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain  
to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength,  
honor and glory and blessing.”

— *Revelation 5:12*

### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — God exalted Jesus as leader and savior (Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).

**Psalm** — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

**Second Reading** — To the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might (Revelation 5:11-14).

**Gospel** — When the disciples came ashore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread (John 21:1-19 [1-14]).

### LIFELONG SERVICE

“I am going fishing.” What an announcement! If asked who made it, and not told it was a Bible quote, we might guess “Grandpa” or “Uncle Fred,” or admit, “I said that last summer!” But it is a Bible quote, from today’s Gospel. The person who said it also once declared, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Yes, it’s Peter! So today’s announcement seems quite the comedown. Last Sunday Jesus said, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” But Peter seems determined to return to his pre-apostolic occupation, until Jesus intervenes, making Peter’s later announcement deeper, “Lord, you know that I love you,” and Peter’s apostolic calling clearer, “Tend my sheep.” Peter does so. Acts presents the consequences: Peter declares, “We must obey God rather than men.” As Revelation proclaims, “Worthy is the Lamb”—to receive Peter’s lifelong service, and ours.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Gospel today sees Peter and his colleagues after the Resurrection, returning to Galilee and resuming the family business. They are fishing by night. Although it is true that fish feed by night, the mention of darkness here is more about the human spirit than it is about fishing advice. Modern life keeps darkness effectively under control; much of the world has been glowing radiantly through the night for a century. Yet just as surely as the Risen Christ breaks into Peter’s fishing, so does he break into the usual patterns of our own darkness, electric lights notwithstanding. It is Easter, and we are the people of the light.

In our tradition, Evening Prayer, celebrated in monasteries, parishes, cathedrals, and homes everywhere, is a kind of solemn protest against the darkness and its claims, an act of praise for our light-bearing God, and a commitment to carrying that light forward. Sunset is a turning point of our day, felt less acutely in an electrified world, but still an effective reminder that one day darkness overtakes us all. Yet our Eastering has taught us in a hundred ways that the victory belongs to the Bearer of Light. Easter summons us to transform our everyday “blackouts,” perhaps in a way as simple as a whispered prayer of thanks at evening for the blessings of the day.

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**May 4<sup>th</sup> THROUGH May 12<sup>th</sup>**

Sat.	<b>5pm(J)</b>	Members of the First Communion Class
Sun.	<b>11am(C)</b>	<b>Gwen &amp; Richard Schroeder</b>
Mon.	<b>4:10pm (C)</b>	<b>Our Parish Partnership</b>
Tues.	<b>4:10pm(C)</b>	<b>Matt Drumm Family</b>
Wed.	<b>4:10pm(C)</b>	<b>S. Janet Marie Wilhelm (B-Day)</b>
Thurs.	8am(J)	Ethel Bievenue
Thurs.	<b>4:10pm</b>	<b>S. Rosemary Henrichs</b>
Fri.	<b>8:15am(C)</b>	<b>S. Nylas Moser (B-Day)</b>
Sat.	6pm	All our Living & Deceased Mothers of our Parish
Sun.	<b>11am (C)</b>	<b>Emily &amp; Adam Embrich Rodger Menard</b>



**Apr.28<sup>th</sup> 2019**

Envelopes (42)	\$919.00
Loose	\$78.00
Easter Sunday (25)	\$460.00
Palm Sunday	\$50.00
Capital Improv.	\$370.00
Easter Flowers	\$50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1927.00</b>
<b>Weekly goal</b>	<b>\$1700.00</b>

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

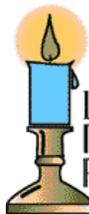
<b>May 4</b>	Jason Roy
<b>May 6</b>	Alex Suhre, Ben Sauer & Jonathan Young
<b>May 7</b>	Carolyn Schneider
<b>May 9</b>	Katelyn Mudd
<b>May 10</b>	Mckenna Roy
<b>May 11</b>	Amelia Powell

*May your day be filled with Good Wishes, Birthday Greetings and God's Blessings*

## Happy Anniversary!

May 6 Tina & Jacob Arbeiter

*May the Lord continue to bless your marriage and each of you for many years to come.*



LET'S PRAY FOR

Leroy Puttkammer	Our Homebound
Pat Deterding	Rev. Ken Schaefer
All Cancer Patients	Betty Schneider
Carolyn Schneider	Rev. Richard Mohr
Billy Dethrow	Rev. Joe Rascher
Freeman (Doc) Greer	

*All names of the prayer list will be left on for 4 weeks. Please call the rectory if you would like them to remain on the list.*



**Sat. May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 5 pm**      **Sat. May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6p.m.**

<b>B</b> Paulette A.	<b>B</b> Audrey
<b>C</b> Paulette R. & Marie	<b>C</b> Mary Ann & Carol
<b>L</b> James	<b>L</b> Zach
<b>S</b> Zach M., Katie & Zach W.	<b>S</b> Adam & Zach
<b>G</b> First Communion Class	<b>G</b> Second Grade Class
<b>Chalice/Paten:</b> Carol D.	<b>Chalice/Paten:</b> Steve D. fam.



### Pastor's Corner

From the Desk of Fr. Dennis

In the decades after the Resurrection, the Risen Jesus was portrayed in many different ways. In his Gospel, John shows Jesus interacting with his disciples in the flesh, as he had before his death and resurrection. The author of Revelation visualizes Jesus in glory surrounded by angels and otherworldly creatures. In the Acts of the Apostles, Luke portrays Jesus always on the lips and in the minds of the apostles. As we listened to today's readings, think about how you visualized Jesus.

Were you surprised? He is always there for us! Open your heart and let his love shine.

Thank you to the Parish Council Members from our Parish Partnership who came last Sunday afternoon to the Ruma Center to spend some time together in Prayer, Reflection and Fellowship. It was time well spent together as we shared on the meaning of being members of the Body of Christ and how we are called to be Church in this part of Randolph County.

Thanks to Sr. Barbara Jean Franklin for assisting us with our reflections.

We welcome into the One Holy Catholic Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Lochlan James Doering. Lochlan's parents are Christine and Brad Doering and his Godparents are Clare Frederick and John Tierney. Welcome to your church family!

Remember, don't worry so much, and know that you are loved!

Have a blest third week of Easter!

Fr. Dennis

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

---

Always do more than what is required of you.

### **HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK**

---

**Sat.** First Holy Communion

**Tues.** 7:15a.m. Living Rosary with the PSR Classes.

All are welcome

R&R @ 10:30a.m.

**Wed.** Confirmation for St. John's at SPPS Waterloo

**Sat.** Mass @ 6p.m. May Crowning & mother's day celebration. Flowers for sale after Mass.

**Sun.** Mother's Day with Annual Roses Sale

\$2 for real roses and \$1 for carnations & artificial roses.

### **ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

---

**Overheard in a fancy restaurant:** "That wine is so dry, they ought to call it pinot more!"

### **PARTNERSHIP MASS FOR MAY IS:**

---

St. Joseph: 6pm Saturday

St. Patrick: 8am Sunday

### **DID YOU REMEMBER**

---



Please contact Paulette R. Deterding 618-284-7353 if you or a fellow parishioner are suffering from an injury, illness, or grief and would like a visit.



The Prayer chain is in place. If you know of someone who is in need of emergency prayers please call Jeanelle Dinan 284-7788 or the rectory @ 284-3314.

### **Religious Education**



**May 4<sup>th</sup>** First Communion is @ 5p.m.

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** May Crowning

Grades 2 & 8 are responsible for the Mass.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** is when we honor our graduates from kindergarten, 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school. We ask that all those students be present at the 6p.m. Mass for a gift from the parish.

PSR registrations for the 2019-2020 school year were emailed out this week. Please make sure that the forms are back by May 14<sup>th</sup> so supplies can be ordered. If you didn't receive a copy please pick one at the rectory or in back of Church

We excited to announce that we will be going back to a two day a week PSR schedule. The days will be Tues & Thurs. from 7:30-8:30 a.m. the children are expected to attend both classes.



If you are looking for a special gift for a loved one the youth is selling candles made from recycled Easter candles. They are \$15 and all proceeds go to the NCYC fund. **May 19<sup>th</sup> our youth group will be hosting a game stand at the Strawberry Festival at St. Patrick's. watch for more info.**

## **RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**

---

**Easter Prison Ministry:** The new life of Christ's resurrection changes all we see, but does it? Are we willing to actually see those in prison or released from prison as fellow brothers and sisters in Christ? Are we aware of the conditions that these men and women have been living under? Do we know what is done to them in our name? Are we willing to help integrate these individuals into the life of our parish? Yes, Christ risen is the light of the world and by His light we may see light but only if we open our eyes. (John 8:12)

## **DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS:**

---

### **Gibault Plant Sale**

Gibault presents its annual plant sale. Customers can purchase plants, grown in the Gibault greenhouse by agriculture students, and purchase hand-painted pots, crafted by art students!

**Where:** Gibault greenhouse (back of the school)

**When:** Saturday, Saturday May 11 8:00AM-1PM

**What:** flowers, fruits, herbs, and vegetable plants

## **PARTNERSHIP CORNER:**

---

**St. John the Baptist:**

Please pray for the students at St. John's who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> at Sts. Peter and Paul in Waterloo

**St. Patrick 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Strawberry Festival on Sunday May 19, 2019.** The Strawberry Festival features Fried Chicken Dinners, serving from 11AM-4:00PM with strawberries and ice cream. Quilt/Cash Bingo starts at noon. In addition there will be a large country store, homemade jams, baked goods, music, balloonatic, silent auction, raffle, kids games and lunch stand. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00a.m. on Sunday morning.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

---

### **Prairie du Rocher American Legion:**

Fish Fry May 17<sup>th</sup>

### **Prairie du Rocher Elementary School**

Pre-K & Kindergarten Screening for 2019-2020 school year

May 22 1-7 p.m.

May 23 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Call 284-3530 for more info or an appointment

## **FROM PARISH COUNCIL:**

---

**Remember** to give to the capitol fund. This fund is set up for the repairs and maintenance of our beautiful church and grounds. Thanks to all who donate to this fund.

## **PRIORITY LIST UPDATES:**

---

It was agreed that the Church A/C system was the most popular repair.

Total Cost to replace the Church A/C is \$25,750.00.

There is a goal thermometer outside to help track of our progress. Not Sure if you noticed but we are half way to our goal. Thanks to all who have helped thus far, please remember to donate we don't want church to hotter than...well you know! We will be able to start work on the A/C very soon.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> a representative from the kneeler company that installed the kneelers in 1974 was here to evaluate and give us an estimate on any repairs that need done. The gentleman stated he was impressed with the great condition our kneelers were in for the age that they were.

## **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:**

---

### **Next Event is the Picnic:**

*Aug. 3, 2019 don't forget to pass the word!*

**KIDS GAMES:** We will be accepting cash and prize donations for the kids games, we completely ran out last year. Check the dollar store, dollar general or any stores clearance item for kid size fun. There will be a tote in the foyer of church for prizes. If you wish to donate cash place it in the collection basket with the label kids games.

**BASKET STAND:** We will be trying something different this year to make things easier for all involved. This committee is asking for either \$10 cash or completed baskets only

## **FROM FINANCE COUNCIL:**

---

Our totals for the Diocesan tax, Clergy aid, Insurance and Subsidies (Gibault and St. John's) and our total for FY 2018/2019 is slowly decreasing from 54,179.71 to \$38,126.26. Because of your generous donations since October we have paid off \$16,053.26 of the diocesan bills. Please continue donate generously. Most recent payment was to St. John's. Dioceses of Belleville bill for insurance is paid in full! Way to Go!

Please continue to donate as generously as possible.

Subsidy	\$24,082.00
Parish Assessment	\$14,044.20